

## THREE DIMENSIONAL NAIL STENCILS AND METHOD OF USE

### Abstract

A three dimensional stencil for use in applying raised acrylic designs to nails comprises a generally flat, flexible portion adapted for contact with a portion of a fingernail or toenail, and a cut-out portion formed within the confines of the flexible portion. The cut-out portion includes walls having a thickness of at least about 3mm. The flexible portion forms an opening adjacent to the cut-out portion. In one embodiment, the flexible portion is itself of a thickness of at least about 3mm, and the cut-out portion forms an opening in the flexible portion. In another embodiment, the cut-out portion comprises walls attached to and extending up from the flexible portion. In the second embodiment, tabs connecting the cut-out portion walls to the flexible portion may be used.